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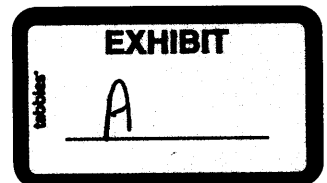
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Re: In re: VIOXX® Products Liability Litigation, MDL
Docket No. 1657

Dear Sir and Madam:

Pursuant to J.P.M.L. Rule 7.5(e), Merck hereby notifies the Panel of potential "tag-along actions." This letter is Merck's fifty-first notification of potential "tag-along actions" and includes cases that have been filed in or removed to federal court since Tuesday, August 2, 2005. Courtesy copies of the complaints and docket sheets for the following actions are enclosed.

1. *Turner v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-00702 (M.D. Ala.)
2. *Widmar et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-01633 (N.D. Ala.)
3. *Lagomarsino-Burmmett v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01436 (D. Colo.)
4. *Bradley v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 3:05-cv-00548 (S.D. Ill.)
5. *King v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 3:05-cv-00550 (S.D. Ill.)
6. *Koch v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 3:05-cv-00549 (S.D. Ill.)
7. *Ranschaert v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 3:05-cv-00449 (N.D. Ind.)
8. *Conyers v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-02334 (D. Kan.)
9. *Coppenbarger v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-02335 (D. Kan.)
10. *Hewitt v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 5:05-cv-04090 (D. Kan.)
11. *Gould v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 0:05-cv-01630 (D. Minn.)
12. *Hohlt v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 4:05-cv01200 (E.D. Mo.)
13. *Souders v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 4:05-cv-01197 (E.D. Mo.)
14. *Glenn et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 4:05-cv-00696 (W.D. Mo.)



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15. *Anderson v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 3:05-cv-03796 (D. N.J.)
16. *Krowicki v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 3:05-cv-03779 (D. N.J.)
17. *Maxwell v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-00981 (N.D. N.Y.)
18. *Stein v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-06630 (S.D. N.Y.)
19. *Tio v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-06932 (S.D. N.Y.)
20. *Bruch et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 5:05-cv-00871 (W.D. Okla.)
21. *Hnatuk et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-04090 (E.D. Pa.)
22. *Hofmann et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-04103 (E.D. Pa.)
23. *Bernabe v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-01073 (W.D. Pa.)
24. *Moreau v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-00331 (D. R.I.)
25. *Dexter v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01034 (D. S.D.)
26. *Grotjohn v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01026 (D. S.D.)
27. *Hansen v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01029 (D. S.D.)
28. *Klima v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01033 (D. S.D.)
29. *Mardian v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01028 (D. S.D.)
30. *Ofstad v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01031 (D. S.D.)
31. *Sanborn v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01027 (D. S.D.)
32. *Shaver v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01032 (D. S.D.)
33. *Wulf v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 1:05-cv-01030 (D. S.D.)
34. *Duke v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-00071 (M.D. Tenn.)
35. *DeLoach et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-00351 (E.D. Tex.)
36. *Dutton v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-00353 (E.D. Tex.)
37. *Pope v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-00215 (D. Wyo.)

There are 7 new cases filed in the transferee court.

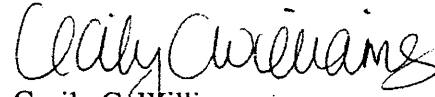
1. *Allen v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-03268 (E.D. La.)
2. *Brown v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-03103 (E.D. La.)
3. *Gray v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-03340 (E.D. La.)
4. *Griffin v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-03317 (E.D. La.)
5. *Hutson et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-03090 (E.D. La.)
6. *Kaiser v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-03330 (E.D. La.)
7. *Rodemann v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 2:05-cv-03328 (E.D. La.)

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Additionally, pursuant to J.P.M.L. Rule 7.2(f), we hereby notify the Panel of the following developments pertaining to actions that are currently the subject of Panel consideration.

1. *Edsall et al., v. Merck & Co., Inc.*, C.A. No. 3:05-cv-02244 (N.D. Cal.) was remanded to Contra Costa Superior Court, California on August 4, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures
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